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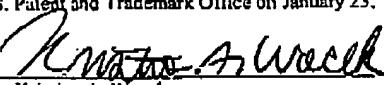
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 24, 2005, Applicants propose amending this application as follows for the purpose of placing this application in condition for allowance:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 6 of this paper.